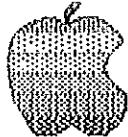


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From the Editors

The relocation of the Eisenbeis News to Grand Forks, ND has gone rather smoothly. The News will continue to publish at a average rate of about one every 7 months. We now have 6 subscribers in North Dakota, 1 in Idaho, 1 in Washington, and a new subscriber in Ohio.

General News

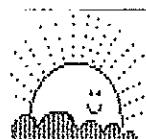
In Grand Forks (GF) there are 2 public outdoor pools, a library, 2 high schools (grades 10-12), 3 junior high schools (grades 7-9), 13 elementarys (grades K-6), and a few movie theaters (most of which are within biking range while none were within biking distance in the Twin Cities). Kirk and Jeff have already seen 4 movies...that's more than they'd see in Oakdale in 6 months because of the distance to the theater. The wind seems to always blow from the south. A few small trees in front of our apartment have been permanantly bent. They look really funny. A city bus comes roaring by at 20 min. past every hour. It's been just hot enough to make life slow. They said it wasn't humid here! The humidity isn't as bad as it was in the Cities, but it really bugs us.

Rollin, Rollin, Rollin

The family, especially Kirk, has been very busy lately. From the 1st of July to now, Kirk has traveled about 5,500 miles (no flights - all of it driven).

Dallas, July 1 to July 8

On June 30, Mom, Kirk, Jeff, and Ross left for the Twin Cities from GF. Later that day, in Oakdale, they visited friends. The next day, Kirk left on the bus with his youth group to go to the ELCA National Youth Convention in Dallas. That day and night, the bus drove all the way down Interstate 35 to Dallas. The group got to Dallas one day early so they could go to Six Flags amusement park. In Dallas, the convention used two auditoriums to seat their 27,000 participants. One was the Dallas convention center (about 9,000 cap.), and the other Reunion Arena (where the Dallas Mavericks play Basketball) (About 18,000 cap.). These arenas were used every morning for an opening worship. Every morning there were singing (live band in each arena), a speaker, beach ball tosses, the wave, and once a game of Flash (the lights are turned off, and everybody aims their camera at the other end and shoots on the count of 3. It looks very good.) I can't wait to see how the picture turns out. During the day you could explore Dallas, go to seminars or work on a project for the city of Dallas (ie: Paint houses, repair or build a playground, etc.) Whenever a state name was mentioned, all the teens from that state would yell and scream and make a lot of noise. You can really tell where the strong points in the US are for the ELCA Lutheran Church. You could tell by listening to the volume of the yells and screams. I'd be willing to bet that the Wisconsinites, Iowans, Minnesotans, and North Dakotans made up at least half of the 27,000. Amazingly, Kirk met someone who he'd never seen before who knows Jeff's godparents in Sydney, Ohio! The trip was a great one, and Kirk would do it again many times.



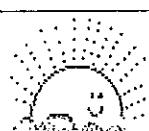
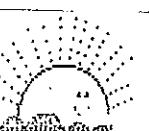
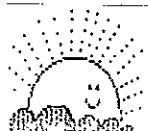
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Camp, July 21 to July 27

Both Kirk and Jeff went to Scout camp two weeks later. There they both took classes on Environmental Science, and Small Boat Sailing. Jeff also took Camping and Kirk also took muzzle-loading (black powder) Rifle Shooting. Together they also survived C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Physical Encounter). COPE works on improving teamwork within a group of strangers. They did everything from trust falls to climbing a 30 foot vertical cargo net to a high course including a zip line, to climbing a 30 to 40 foot tree with small boards nailed into it for rungs.

Dakota Tour, July 28 to August 3

The next day Kirk and Jeff were given a ride to the Peace Gardens. There they were picked up by their uncle and driven down to Minot. There our Grandma Narum picked us up and drove us to Grandma and Grandpa Eisenbeis' house in Beulah. The rest of the family was waiting there. On the 29th, Monday, our family, our two grandmothers, and a grandfather went into the Badlands. They were AWESOME!!!! We went to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, where the best of the Badlands are. WOW!! We got a lot of pictures of them. Then we went to Medora. We saw the Medora Musical. That lasted until after dark, and our family split up with our grandparents. Our family went to a motel for the night. On Tuesday, we crossed the South Dakota border and traveled into the Black Hills. The Black Hills had good scenery, but not as good as the Badlands. That day we passed through Sturgis (we missed the Sturgis motorcycle celebration by a week!) on our way to Deadwood. In Deadwood we wandered around, went to the Boot Hill Cemetery where Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane are buried, and went from place to place just looking around. Dad bought Mom a Black Hills Gold necklace for their anniversary. That evening we saw the capture of Jack McCall after shooting Wild Bill in the #10 saloon, and the trial of Jack. At the trial, there were only 6 people in the jury. They randomly took 6 more people from the crowd to be in the jury so they could have 12. Dad was the first picked! He and 5 other people from the crowd sat with the 6 actors for the jury. Jack McCall was judged innocent, but we were told that later he was taken to Federal Court where he was judged guilty and hung. Our family stayed at a motel again that night. Wednesday we went to Roughlock Falls, a small waterfall. We waded around in ICY COLD water near the falls. We ate lunch by the falls, and then went to Terry Peak. It is a skiing slope in the winter, and is a tourist attraction in the summer. They give rides up and down the chairlift. After that we went to a human maze. The maze was set up so you had a card which would be stamped at the 4 towers at each corner of the maze. The idea was to get to the 4 towers and then get out. Just Kirk, Jeff, and Ross did the maze, while our parents waited (they were probably afraid they'd get lost). It was hard! We all went separately and tried to find our way on our own. Eventually we wised up and realized that this maze wasn't just a wander and find maze. Then we helped each other when possible. Eventually we finished. By the time we all finished more than an hour had passed by, and the temperature was about 95 F. Then it started to rain, so we went to the place we had planned to stay for the night - a cabin. We bought groceries and cooked our own supper. We stayed there the night. Thursday we went to see Mt. Rushmore. It was neat. Then we went to Iron Mountain. From the top we could see Mt. Rushmore in the distance. Then we drove along Needles Highway. The rock formations seemed like needles pointing into the sky. Next we walked around Sylvan Lake. There were lots of huge rocks in and around it. After that we went to Reptile Gardens. We saw alligators, crocodiles, lots of snakes, alligator wrestling, and animals that

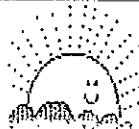


were trained to do weird things - a raccoon shooting hoops, a bird playing cards, a rabbit playing baseball, etc. Next we went to a place that had a big Go-Kart race track and a miniature golf course. Kirk and Jeff flew Go-Karts around the track, and then we all played miniature golf. Then we went back to the cabin for the night. On Friday we headed east across South Dakota to the dairy farm of one of our dad's thousand and a half cousins. On the way we stopped in the city of Wall, SD and went to the famous Wall Drug. It took most of the day to get to the farm, but eventually we did. We stayed there for the night, and on Saturday we drove north to GF. We got there in the afternoon. All in all, it was an exciting trip!

LAMP in Snow Lake, August 4 to August 10

The day after we got back from that, Kirk was picked up by a small group from his old Twin Cities church to go to Snow Lake, Manitoba. They were a LAMP team. I don't remember what L.A.M.P. stands for, but I do know that they send small teams of teens to northern Canada to hold Vacation Bible Schools. We had me, a Senior boy, 2 Juniors (a girl and boy) and an adult (He's an intern at our church). We had a lot of fun up there. The sun is up from about 5:00 to 11:00. There was no rain all week, or even clouds. The Northern Lights were out every night, but, they did interfere with stargazing. The north star was at about 65 to 70 degrees high instead of about 50 to 55. We were told to bring a warm coat, plenty of jeans, plenty of sweatshirts, a few T-shirts, and maybe 2 pairs of shorts. The temp averaged in the high 20's the whole time. That's 20 degrees Celsius! That's about 80 F. We were stuck wearing the same shorts over and over all week! Metric. Let me tell you about Metric! We did not like converting everything into US units. The speed limit was 100 Km/h (62 mph). Nothing was in ounces. All in grams and kilograms. But, gas was about 82 cents. Pretty cheap huh?...Not quite!...That was about \$.82 a Liter... A Liter is about 1/4 a gallon. So that made about \$3.30 a gallon! Ouch! Everything was much more expensive there, and that's not because of the differences in value of the US Dollar vs. Canadian Dollar. That difference is only about a dime per dollar. Pop, for example, was up to 90 cents a can. There was no dollar bill either. They had "Loonies", a coin with a loon on the back worth a dollar. They pronounced some words quite different too, but that can be understood. They said Nike without the 'e' at the end. They said Mazda with the first 'a' long. And the word 'eh?' would be put at the end of about every 5th sentence. There is much more that could be told about Canada, but there isn't enough room, and I may be putting you to sleep, eh?

As mentioned above, these 4 trips of Kirk's added up about 5,500 miles. 5,500 miles is enough for: a) 8915 Kilometers. OR b) A trip from New York City to Los Angeles and back to New York City. OR c) A trip most of the way across Russia (East to west). OR d) Go about 1/5 of the way around the equator. OR e) Cross Africa, (either N/S or E/W). OR f) If you made a rope that measured a foot for every mile Kirk traveled, the rope would be over a mile long.



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"No mail?!! Again!?"

Kirk and Jeff have been writing to friends back in the 'Cities. But only one has been faithful and has written regularly. A few of the rest have written once. Many haven't written at all. Every day we always get the mail as soon as it comes hoping for mail from our friends.

Sports

Kirk and Jeff are running Cross Country again for their schools. In every race Kirk will run 5 Kilometers (about 3.1 Miles) and Jeff will run 3 Kilometers (almost 2 miles).

The Minnesota Twins are doing very swell. (We had to put that in.)

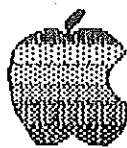
Both Jeff and Ross took a soccer camp this summer for a week at a nearby park every morning. They are both now enrolled in a city soccer league.

Ross took swimming lessons this summer and learned to swim.

"WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS ISSUE OF THE EISENBEIS NEWS"

Kirk, Jeff, & Ross Eisenbeis

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From the Editors

The Chief Editor Kirk is on leave in Minnesota at the time this Eisenbeis News is being written. The temporary Chief Editor is Jeff. Ross is also part of this News.

One Year!

The relocation of the News from the Twin Cities to Grand Forks, North Dakota, occurred in early June last year. After one year of living in Grand Forks, we all feel more at home here and less like newcomers. We have been in our new house since February.

California Reunion

Our family left Grand Forks on our way to California on June 11. We first went to Beulah, where our grandparents Ray & Esther Eisenbeis joined us on our trip. We then continued on to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. After driving in, our grandparents left for Idaho and Vancouver, Washington, to meet us later. At Yellowstone we met with our Uncle Allen Eisenbeis and two cousins, Derrick and Savannah, and stayed at a campsite with them for three nights. Each day our uncle, familiar with the best trails to follow, guided us around the geysers, springs, waterfalls, canyons, lakes, and mountains. We saw beautiful scenery and wildlife and even had a herd of buffalo cross the road three feet in front of us! Coming out of Yellowstone we drove through the Grand Tetons, but it was too foggy to see them well. We went to Jackson, Idaho Falls, Salt Lake City, and finally Sacramento. That's where the '92 Eisenbeis Reunion was held, at the Holiday Inn. During the reunion we also visited San Francisco. After the reunion we headed north to Vancouver, where we visited our Aunt JoAnn and Uncle Jon Crabtree and two cousins, Brent and Riley. Our Washington relatives showed us Mt. St. Helens and several other sights. Our grandparents with us again, we headed back east across Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. We drove through Glacier National Park and stopped to take a 4 mile hike. We drove on eastward. We ate supper near Minot with our cousins Katie, Kyle, Kent, Beth, Jenna, and Spenser Narum, and arrived home at night on June 28.

Camp Staff

Kirk had a phone message when we got home from our trip. His application to work at Boy Scout Camp Wilderness had been accepted. He called back and was lined up to work for the next four weeks as a worker in the kitchen at the camp. He left the next day, June 29, and will return July 26. Anyone is welcome to write to him at camp:

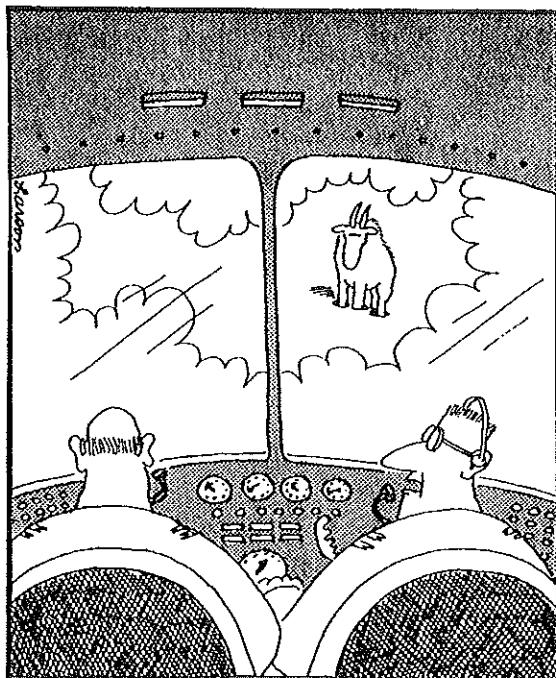
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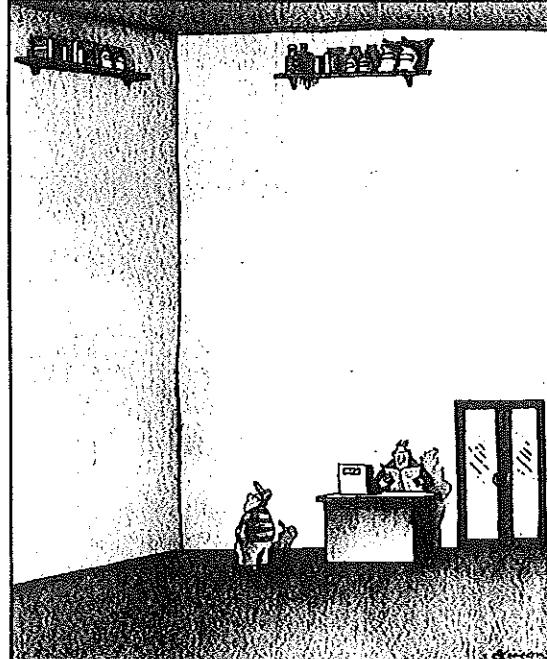
Ross and Jeff are in a swimming program at UND (University of North Dakota) this summer. It is a half hour long for three weeks. Jeff is doing an Aerospace Science class at UND, too. Last year Ross took the same program but Geology instead of Aerospace.

That's all folks!

Jeff & Ross Eisenbeis



"Say... what's a mountain goat doing way up here in a cloud bank?"



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